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TO : Chief, SE

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INFO: Chief, KUGOWN, ☒

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBOPUS/PSYCH

SPECIFIC— P/W Activities Report - 16 February Through 15 March 1954

REF: SGAA-8520, 19 February 1954

1. HTGRUBBY Transmissions

HTGRUBBY transmission during this period continued normally and on schedule with four regular daily transmissions over two frequencies simultaneously. Beginning with 10 March 1954, HTGRUBBY broadcasts of 1730Z and 2030Z will be transmitted 3 times (previously broadcast only two times). This step should contribute to the broadcast's effectiveness in view of opposition's jamming.

2. HTGRUBBY Program Content

HTGRUBBY continued its standard practice of reporting world news events. Among items stressed during this period were the ever increasing strength of the West, deterioration of Soviet gains in economic, social and political fields, solidarity of the Free World, Balkan Pact anniversary, etc..

Regarding Albanian affairs, attention was given to the March elections for Peoples' Councils, misuse of workers, Communist education in Albania with comments on Bedriu Spahiu's nomination to the Ministry of Education, the nomination of Edip Cuci as Albanian Minister to Rome, Woman's Day in Albania, and defection appeals.

Radio Tirana's attention during this period centered around the elections of town and district councils, celebration of Woman's Day, agricultural progress and realization of state plans, anniversary of Stalin's death with 5 March being declared a day of mourning.

The following items were used from QKPALING:

a. From 15 February 1954 issue - Russian Legation in Tirana bombed, Communist purges, elections of Peoples' Councils.

b. From 1 March 1954 issue - On Albanian writer Thinis Mitko, on Albania's present day conditions.

It should be noted that a false message was transmitted in the period 9 - 15 March.

3. Personnel

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3. Personnel

AIPOET is showing real effort in adjusting himself to his assignment. However, close supervision is necessary until his writing has developed along proper lines.

[] expectant departure for the States is again being called to Headquarters' attention.

RNADUANA's coronary troubles are still with him. In addition, other ailments have developed which will necessitate two operations in the near future.

4. Leaflets

The following leaflets have been prepared and the flight plans have been approved. The drops will take place with the coming of good weather.

Special Nikola Brothers Leaflet - 100,000

Defection Appeal - 500,000

February OBKEEK - 564,400.

Pending elimination of the relatively large backlog of leaflets now on hand, we will proceed with a special HTNEIGH symbol leaflet and the next issue of OBKEEK - the first issue of OBKEEK to be prepared at this station from start to finish. At this time we hope to be able to gauge how much time the HTGRUBBY staff will be required to devote to preparation of material for leaflets and OBKEEKS. This in turn will enable us to adjust broadcast schedules and plan on additions to the staff.

16 March 1954

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